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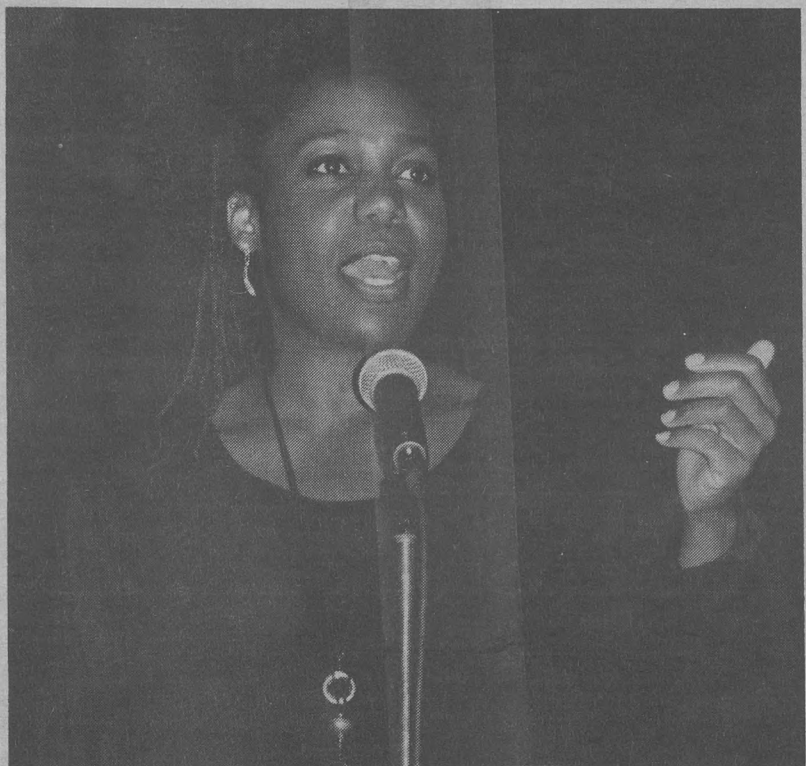
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COMEDIENNE BERTICE BERRY POKES fun at American culture Tuesday in Lisner Auditorium.

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Former Vermont congressman selected to be new SEHD dean

Goals set to strengthen and improve University's programs

by Jennifer Fischer
Hatchet Reporter

The School of Education and Human Development selected former Vermont Congressman Peter Smith as the new dean of SEHD, effective this semester. Former SEHD Dean Leo Leonard resigned as dean this summer, but is remaining on the GW faculty.

Smith began his political career in an open race for lieutenant governor in Vermont at age 32. "I took time off from education," Smith said. "Everyone thinks about it (elected office) at one time or another. Politics was my advocacy, but education is my career."

Smith said he came to this school believing that GW has already made a strong contribution both in research and in teaching. "My job is to work with the faculty and administration," Smith said, adding he hopes to further improve and strengthen the programs at GW. "The greater area of metropolitan Washington, D.C. needs GW to be a leader in education policy," he said.

As for the undergraduate programs in SEHD, only the Elementary/Secondary/Special Education major will be phased out in the undergraduate program, a decision made before Smith became dean. "GW can be a leader in setting an

example for what graduate education in education professions will look like in the twenty-first century," Smith said.

Smith officially starts Sept. 16 and said he does not have any specific new programs designed, but added that a number of the faculty have powerful ideas for further development in the school. "It depends on many people's parts and I am sure there will be new ideas, but it's just too early to tell," Smith said.

Associate Dean of SEHD Jay Shotel said Smith obviously has good political connections and will be active in things the school has not been involved in previously. Shotel will occupy a new position this upcoming year as special assistant to the president.

While a life in politics might be looked upon as glamorous, such a life limited Smith's outside activities. "Politics is a stressful life as it is without the added pressure of having the whole entire family participate in it. Before 1986, my wife's primary concern during the campaigns was the children. She does have her own job and career, also."

Smith said he is thrilled that he was thought of as the most qualified candidate and noted he is happy to be back in education.

Financial Aid Blues

Bureaucracy prevents students from receiving award money

by Deborah Solomon
News Editor

One GW junior spent his summer away from Washington hoping to come back to GW in the fall and see old friends. He wanted to go out drinking, go to classes, participate in clubs and experience college life. Instead, he spent the summer worrying about whether or not he would be able to come back to GW because he had not received his financial aid package. This student is on need-based aid and could never afford to attend GW without some sort of financial assistance. After endless phone calls to financial aid's voice mail, he finally received his financial award on Aug. 16, 10 days before classes began.

Many GW students who receive some type of financial aid from the University did not find out how much they were actually getting until late in the summer. Some received their packages as late as last Monday and more than 100 have not received any award to date.

Director for Enrollment Management Tony Pallett said throughout the last three years, the amount of students requesting financial aid has increased 49 percent. Pallett said the financial aid's archaic computer system is unable to handle all these new requests, thus holding up the entire awarding process this summer.

Pallett said if a student had all his

information in on time, their aid package was in the mail by Aug. 8, almost one month after students received their aid packages last year. He said if students still have not received their aid packages, it is because they filed their applications after the June 1 deadline. These students still do not know how much money, or even if they will receive any at all, this year.

Associate Director of Financial Aid Laura Donnelly said the office received 10,000 applications this summer. "If a student completes his files after the deadline he may hear a little later than he would like to," Donnelly said. "We're only human, we had 10,000 applications this year and we try to fix our mistakes, but students have to take responsibility too. We're not going to clean up after their mess."

A GW sophomore, who wished to remain anonymous, said he checked with financial aid in May to see if his file was in order and they told him his file was complete. When he had not received his package by the middle of July, he got worried and called financial aid. He said financial aid told him they had not received his tax returns, even though he said he sent them in April. When he asked

financial aid why they did not tell him his tax returns were missing, he claimed financial aid said it was his responsibility to check throughout the summer and make sure everything was in order. When he had checked in May they said everything was complete.

When the tax returns finally arrived, financial aid told him because of understaffing, it might take some time to get his package together and he might have to take a semester off. The student then had to lie to get an appointment to see Director of Student Financial Affairs Vicki Baker. She looked at his file, said everything was in order and he received his grant Aug. 19 for the same amount he was given last year.

Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak said he knows there are many problems within financial aid and said he is sure students are not exaggerating when they say there are problems with communications and misplaced files. "These are real problems. I'm not going to defend financial aid because there are some serious problems. People should not have had to wait to find out what their award was," he said.

Chernak said the problems have resulted from understaffing, an unsuccessful process and space constraints. In addition, the number of (See FINANCIAL p.8)



A Closer
Look

Fall Fest '91 sports a wonderland theme

by Doug Davison
Hatchet Reporter

An exciting afternoon of free food, music, rides and giveaways is expected at Fall Fest '91 Sept. 7, according to GW Program Board Chairman Bret Caldwell.

Caldwell said he anticipates 2000 to 3000 people will attend this year. "It is one of the biggest parties of the entire year and will be a lot of fun," Caldwell said, adding the event is open to all GW students and each student can bring one guest.

This year's theme will be the "Fall of Alice," based on Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," Caldwell said. The University Yard will be decorated in a dreamlike atmosphere complete with the Cheshire Cat, and students should come early in order to register for giveaways and food along with different rides and games, he said.

Fall Fest is one of the largest events sponsored by PB, Caldwell said, and kicks off the fall semester every year. Historically, it is an afternoon of fun and relaxation with plenty of ways to have a good time, Caldwell said.

Included in this year's rides will be a moon bounce and a dunk tank, Caldwell said. Any student groups interested in providing entertainment, games or a booth, should contact the Program Board, he added.

In addition, three different bands will be performing throughout the afternoon, Caldwell said. Because of contract stipulations, Caldwell said he could not

reveal the identity of the bands.

"The bands are really good, but I just can't tell you who they are," he said.

The first floor of the Marvin Center will serve as the location for the day's activities in the event of rain.

Former Parties Chair Emma Frost planned Fall Fest, but cannot return to GW this fall because of problems with her financial aid processing. "Even though Emma could not come back, she helped us make the final plans," Caldwell said.

A staff meeting will be held Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Marvin Center 429. Any students interested in working with any aspect of Fall Fest should attend, Caldwell said.

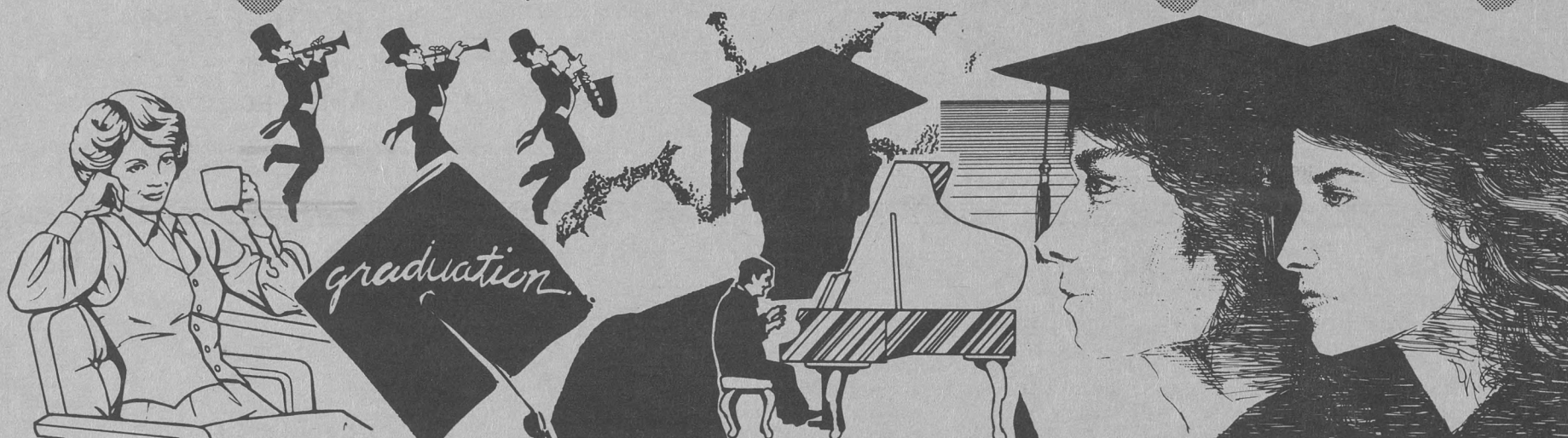
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NOMINATIONS REQUESTED



All members of the University Community are invited to submit **nominations for graduation speakers and honorary degree recipients** for the Winter and Spring Commencements. In general, nominees should demonstrate outstanding achievement in one or more of the following categories:

- Superior intellectual accomplishments or scholarly work;
- Outstanding contributions in the public or private sector;
- Distinguished achievement in the creative or performing arts;
- Exceptional service to The George Washington University.

Nominations must be received in the Office of the University Marshal (Monroe Hall, Suite 302) no later than **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1991**, and must include relevant biographical data for the nominees as well as the name and phone number of the nominator.

If you have questions or would like more information about the process of nominating and confirming graduation speakers and honorary degree recipients, please call the Office of the University Marshal at (202) 994-8213.

Students react to \$10,000 clock

*Some say money poorly spent;
others commend GW landmark*

by Karmela Lejarde
and
Corene Kendrick
Hatchet Staff Writers

GW has put up a 15-1/2 foot clock in the park adjacent to Gelman Library to serve as a "focal point" for the campus, GW administrators said.

"It's the busiest part of the campus, so the clock would be very visible," GW Assistant Treasurer Bob Dickman said. "A lot of other campuses have some type of focal point, where students use it as some kind of meeting place. The U.S. Naval Academy, for example, has a statue of John Paul Jones in the center of their campus," he added.

Dickman said GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg initiated the acquisition of the 900-pound clock that cost \$10,000 in purchase and installation costs. Electric Time, a New York-based clock and watch company, sold GW the clock and installed it.

"We feel that the design fits the flavor of the campus, imitating the design of modern city light fixtures," Dickman said.

Dickman said funds for the clock came from the University's operating budget.

The appearance of the clock has created varied reactions among students.

"It's ugly and looks completely out of place in this campus," GW sophomore Deanna Matheuszik said. "It's obviously an attempt by GW to imitate the landscape of higher institutions of learning."

"It's so blue—it needs buff!" GW freshman Matt Lachesnez said. "\$10,000! Is it painted in gold?" Lachesnez conceded, however, that the clock "looks okay."

"The benches are more aesthetically pleasing, and I liked it better before (the clock was installed)," GW sophomore Michael Wallace said. "But I think it looks really romantic at night."

Many students voiced objections to the clock's blue color. "I think it needs to be turned into a different color," GW



photo by Deborah Solomon

The new clock next to Gelman sparks debate.

sophomore Diane Arguimbau said. "It doesn't really go very well with the surroundings, and it looks out of place. I liked it better without the clock," she said.

"It's wrong," Richard Jones, a GW sophomore, said. "There are four I's on it instead of IV," he said. "If you went to London you wouldn't see something like that," he said.

Mohammed Majed, a graduate student, agreed with Bird. "I think it's a waste of money. I'd prefer books for the library," he said.

Not all students had negative reactions, though. "It's nice," Chris Turman, a sophomore, said. "I look at the positive side. When my children come to look at my brick, they'll know what time it is," he added.

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EDITORIALS

A financial fiasco

Financial aid is not too useful if you can't get it. This is an easy assertion to make, but one that's meaning is lost, along with students' application forms by the financial aid department. For the current semester, that department's processing of aid packages has been grossly inefficient, causing unnecessary problems for students who are left waiting until as late as next week to wonder whether they will be able to return to GW.

Some learned they won't receive their aid packages because their applications arrived late. Others have been held up because financial aid misinformed them on the status of their applications. And, absolutely inexcusably, some applications have been just plain lost by the aid office.

The underlying problem is one of communication. Granted, the student must bear some of the responsibility for filling out the seemingly endless aid forms, but when the financial aid office tells a student their form is correct in May and then denies that same student aid in August because of a problem on the form, then there are serious problems that can't be blamed on the student.

Over the past three years the amount of money available has increased by \$17 million and the amount of awards given has doubled. The University should have foreseen an increase in applications after they increased the amount of money available. It is still a mystery why the aid office didn't think an increase in money would result in an increase in work for the office and then prepare accordingly by hiring more employees to handle the load.

A new computer system is being installed that should eliminate most paperwork problems of the past. But that will not necessarily improve communication between the aid office and students.

The financial aid problems many students have faced — and some still face — should never have happened. The University is living up to the financial part of the bargain by providing monetary assistance. It's now up to the financial aid office to get its act together and actually provide some aid.



JOB OPENINGS: UNSKILLED LABOR

Geriatric jailhouse rock

Everyone knows the penitentiary system in the United States needs to be overhauled. Prisons are overcrowded, the cost of keeping prisoners in jail is expensive for taxpayers and one need look no further than the tragedy in Milwaukee to realize parole programs can be ineffective and indeed disastrous. Many people call attention to these problems, but no one does anything about it. Until now.

GW Associate Law Professor Jonathan Turley has developed a Project for Older Prisoners program. POP, as it is called, is designed to evaluate the violent tendencies of prisoners over the age of 55 in order to determine whether those prisoners could be put into a less expensive penal program.

The evaluation process takes into account the prisoner's behavior record while imprisoned, the nature of their crimes and the amount of time they have spent in jail. Those prisoners deemed low-risk prisoners are released on parole. Those judged to be medium-risk prisoners are also released, but wear electronic bracelets that allow authorities to monitor their whereabouts. Finally, high-risk prisoners wear the bracelets and are kept in nursing homes with full security.

Since its inception, roughly 500 inmates have participated in POP and there has not been one incident in which a prisoner has committed a crime after being released. The program appears to work.

Some argue the victims of the prisoners are being given short shrift by the POP program. Criminals involved in the POP program have been punished and they have served their time. They haven't served all of their time, but no participants in POP have committed another crime, indicating they have indeed served a long enough sentence. When they are released or put into a secured nursing home, the costs for keeping them prisoner are greatly reduced and their prison cells are opened up for younger, more dangerous criminals to occupy. It is clearly better to make room for a recently convicted criminal by clearing out older prisoners, who have paid a good portion of their debt and who pose little threat to society.

With such a simple, brilliant program, the only remaining question is why isn't POP more widespread?

Op-Ed page needs you to make it more interesting and worth reading

Now that school is fully underway and most of us have had all our classes at least once, I'd like to invite you to write for the editorial pages of the Hatchet. For the most part, this page is filled with articles written by students, faculty and alumni. Except for the editorials to your left (which reflect the opinions of the Hatchet), most pieces on these two pages are usually written by people who don't otherwise write or work for the Hatchet.

In effect, this is your page to do with as you see fit. Op-Ed pieces, letters and articles on this page are not restricted — people from within the GW community are welcome to submit ANYTHING they wish. Of course, this is no guarantee that it will be published, but everything submitted is considered for its merits.

So what are we looking for? Simply put, anything and everything. In the past the opinion page has been filled with poor writing about topics that are boring to begin with. We at the Hatchet hope to change that, and with your efforts it will be changed.

For starters, the opinion page is now officially the Op-Eds page. The new name isn't as limiting nor uptight as the old one. "Opinion" is a stuffy title. It conjures up thoughts of endless polemicals on the driest of political topics.

"Op-Eds" is vaguer — it simply means opposite editorials, which is all it is. If you've got an idea on the best way to use toilet paper, write it up and there's a damn good chance we'll publish it for the whole GW community to see. Or if you think you have an insight into why there are no more .400 hitters, we'd also like to publish that. And even if you write some of that political stuff, rest assured it's going to find its way onto these pages, too.

Contrary to popular belief, you do not have to belong to College Republicans, College Democrats or the Student Asso-

ciation in order to get printed on this page. It just used to seem that way. Anyone from the GW community is welcome to submit articles to this section — anyone from faculty and alumni to students and employees. If you've got an idea, just write it.

In addition to the new name, the editorial page will also have a new editorial cartoonist in the form of senior Bruce Fitton. In the past, we have only printed professional editorial cartoons. This has meant the cartoons have usually reflected domestic or international figures, with the closest thing to a local topic being George Bush or Marion Barry.

With the addition of Fitton as a contributor, look for specific GW issues and

I'm an optimist.

In addition, I hope this article and the new format of the page in general will encourage more students to submit articles and letters on a wider variety of topics than in the past. Already slated this year is a letter about how the Smith Center should implement "play/water frolic" hours in the pool and an article from a professor encouraging students to, in a sense, "get rude."

I'm publishing both of these because they both merit publication on the editorial pages. Neither are frivolous and both are sincere.

I must reiterate a word of caution and make it clear that by no means can any piece be guaranteed publication. Sometimes we just don't have the space for it, or we'll feel for other reasons it isn't fit to print.

Keep in mind that we do edit all submitted pieces. So as soon as you drop it off, remember that if it is printed in the next edition it may not look quite the same as the original you gave to us. We edit pieces for several reasons: to fit space, for accuracy, for grammar and even to clarify your writing. One rule of editing is don't change anything unless it will improve the piece. The editorial page follows that rule.

You may not always agree with what's on these pages and you may not always care what's on these pages and we can't expect you to. But with a little help from all of you, it is safe to expect to find a bit of everything on these pages. If politics interests you, it'll be here. If it's sports that you like to read about, that'll be here. And if someone writes in about why blonds have more fun (or don't), then that'll be here, too. The creativity of the articles on this page will be a reflection of the creative spirit of the GW community.

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Controversy about Columbus is unnecessary, unwarranted

Does anyone know what Oct. 14, 1992 will be? Well, it should not take much brain power to remember that Oct. 14 is Columbus Day. But Oct. 14, 1992 will be particularly special, for it will in fact be the 500th anniversary of Columbus landing in the New World. We all should know this lesson by heart, that in 1492 Columbus set out with his small fleet of ships — the Pinta, Nina and the Santa Maria — to find a new trade route to India, and ended up making one of the first recorded encounters with the New World.

He sort of messed up by not finding that trade route, and it is now known that the Vikings had knowledge of the New World, centuries before Columbus's discovery. To that extent, Columbus's achievement may seem less spectacular — especially when you consider he spent his remaining years as a lunatic, a failure and a disgrace.

I am sure that by now the thought "Big deal" is passing through your head. But recently this subject has been a big deal for quite a few people, not just for historians and scholars, but for Native Americans and activist groups. Alas, poor Columbus has been portrayed by critics not as an enlightened explorer, but rather as a ruthless opportunist who exploited and mistreated the natives he encountered, exposed them to diseases like small pox, diphtheria and whooping cough that wiped out entire Indian populations. He has even been compared with Hitler and Pol Pot for introducing the Western Hemisphere to

oppression, imperialism and genocide. It must be one hell of a burden for Columbus to bear five centuries of human evil on his shoulders.

The history of Columbus's career is but the most recent of controversies that have brought the issue of historical revisionism to the public eye. It is hard to define exactly what historical revisionism is, other than to say that its proponents argue that it is merely the attempt to move the study of history away from a Eurocentric perspective to provide a seamy, more complete side of American and European history and to give more credit to the contributions of civilizations and cultures traditionally deemed as primitive and barbaric. Its critics, however, contend that this trend is nothing more than an irresponsible, dishonest attempt to manipulate, exclude and take out of context historical facts for the sake of pursuing a liberal agenda. The debate has spilled out from academic circles to become a rather scathing and furious row fought from Washington to Hollywood to campuses throughout the country.

This debate first burst on the scene with the release of the Kevin Costner film *Dances with Wolves*, which came under attack from critics who claimed that the movie was a distortion of the Old West with one of the white characters being cruel and ignorant while most of the Indians are noble, graceful and humane. Last June, the Smithsonian Institution came under fire from Sen. Ted Stevens (R) of Alaska for an exhibit

about the Old West in the Institute's Museum of American History. He believed the exhibit had a liberal, revisionist slant to it. Stevens even went so far as to accuse the Institute's director of having a "hidden agenda."

Now the controversy is Columbus. The Christopher Columbus Quintcentenary Jubilee Commission, set up partly with federal funding to organize a 500th anniversary celebration, has been rocked by the resignation of its chairman and an investigation of its finances, and now has come under heavy criticism by various Native American groups.

Todd Raffensperger

These groups have organized its own committee, the 1992 Alliance, that has declared "The Year of the Indigenous People" starting in January and will organize commemorations of their own. Over 200 different groups are planning commemorations and protests of their own. One museum was even picketed for displaying a scale model of the Nina, until it agreed to also display an exhibit on Native American history. Big deal indeed!

I must confess I find this controversy quite enjoyable. It gives me hope that there really are a lot of Americans who care and really know something about

American history. Maybe the average American knows that John Quincy Adams was a former president and not a character from that old TV show with Lurch and Uncle Fester. But I am concerned, in so far that I hate how politics is once again sticking its big ugly nose into the study of history, because such interference invites distortions, half-truths and out-and-out boldfaced lies to a field whose purpose is to search out the complete truth of our past, no matter how sordid it may be. I am aware this sort of interference has existed as long as history has been recorded, but I had hoped this debate over revisionism would itself be conducted with some objectivity and accuracy. How foolish of me.

I personally think the debate over historical revisionism should be defined with the application of accuracy and context. There is nothing wrong with presenting a different and unique perspective of history, such as the persecution of the American Indians, so long as this perspective is presented with accuracy, fairness and takes the context of the times into consideration.

In the case of Christopher Columbus, the revisionists are correct in exposing those atrocities committed under Columbus and his successors as governors. These atrocities are well documented from as far back as the 15th century when Friar Bartolome de las Casas wrote of Indians being tortured and killed, hunted in the hills and even fed to the white men's dogs. Unpleas-

ant, isn't it?

But I feel that it is wrong to roundly condemn Columbus for 500 years of man's inhumanity. For all these atrocities, it must be remembered that Columbus's mind set was no different from most people of 15th-century Europe. And he definitely did not foresee the epidemics, the conquistador who destroyed the Aztec and Incan Empires, nor any of the evils that would follow him to the Western Hemisphere. In short, he was a man of his times, and any judgment imposed upon Columbus's actions must take into context the times he represents.

In this debate over historical revisionism, there are two kinds of people you will find on opposite sides. There are those who wish to portray America's history in only its most gloomy colors, full of nothing but opportunists, slaves and bigots. And then there are those who only wish to show America's history with the flag draped around it, full of nothing but heroes and statesmen. Neither side wants to see history for what it is. Both sides see history only for what they want it to be and twist it around accordingly. American history is not something to be condemned or condoned, but accepted. We should show America for what it was, good and bad, and compare that with what it is today. Only then can we begin to learn something.

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U.S. lies during the Gulf War are enraging, inexcusable

In mid-January of this year, the United States entered the madly popular Persian Gulf War. Not wanting a repeat of the Vietnam fiasco, the U.S. down played the cruelties of war. On television the public saw military footage of bombers taking off and America's Patriot missiles shooting down Iraqi Scud missiles. Then we listened to military spokesmen tell us that great care was being taken to avoid Iraqi civilians. It was a nice little war — hardware vs. hardware, bombs falling on spots on the map with the human factor removed, or so it seemed.

Now the truth is out. In a collection of articles that appeared in the June 23 Washington Post, the U.S. government admitted that it had not been totally truthful with its people about the objectives and methods of the war. Among these disclosures the government admitted that instead of targeting "the military leadership" as they claimed, they intentionally sought out Saddam Hussein. They also revealed that civilian areas were attacked; bombings were conducted that caused little military damage but instead crippled Iraq's ability to sustain itself as an industrial nation; and there were miscounts of Iraqi military casualties that have made the war seem more successful than it actually may have been. Each of these revelations directly conflicts with President Bush's and the military's wartime assertions.

During the war, the U.S. military conducted the same type of operation it has condemned terrorist groups for in previous years — attempting to kill a foreign leader. An article entitled "Air Force Hunted Motor Home in War's 'Get Saddam' Mission" reveals that the government tried to eliminate the Iraqi leader. It emphasized that at the same time George Bush was claiming Saddam was not a target, in reality the U.S. Air Force was

hunting mobile command centers used by Hussein at a priority level that rivaled those reserved for finding Scud missiles. This operation is just one of the many examples of the lack of honesty that existed in our government during the war.

"The worst civilian suffering, senior officers say resulted not from bombs that went astray but from precision-guided weapons that hit exactly where they were aimed," says the Washington Post article, "Allies Sought Wide Damage in Air War." Military experts claim this had always been the intention during the Gulf War. The article also mentions that these experts justified this action because "ultimately they (the Iraqi people) have

Jeremy Madsen

some control over what goes on in their country." This is a much different story than the one we were hearing a few months ago when the U.S. military's actions were heralded as attempts to free a people dominated by a tyrant.

Two weeks into the air, General Norman Schwarzkopf stated, "We never had any intention of destroying 100 percent of Iraq's electrical power." However, once the war was over, Iraq's electric production had been cut by 96 percent, too little electricity to power vital refrigeration and sewer systems. It will be up to five years before the power stations that were destroyed can be rebuilt — and foreign assistance will be

needed. As Air Force Col. John A. Warner III said when interviewed for the article, "Saddam, when you agree to these things (allied demands), we will allow people to come in and fix your electricity." This sounds very similar to blackmail, a form of bargaining frowned upon by the United States when used by groups our government has labeled "terrorist organizations." It was for the purpose of blackmail that while U.S. planes were wiping out Iraq's ability to produce electricity and bombing oil refineries 300 miles away from any area of military significance, Schwarzkopf was making comments to the contrary. It is for the purpose of blackmail that an estimated 170,000 children under the age of five will die due to the effects of the bombings, as pointed out by a recent Harvard University study.

The toll of previously unreported civilian suffering is compounded by reports of how U.S. military successes were exaggerated, which appeared in the Post article "Baghdad Residents Describe Chaos of Bombing Campaign." It was revealed that the number of Iraqi soldiers killed may have been grossly underestimated while civilian suffering was extremely high. While reports of highly successful raids by allied planes boosted morale in the United States, in reality we buried only 458 Iraqi bodies on the battlefield, leading some observers to believe that the air raids were not as successful as once reported. Meanwhile, in Iraq's civilian hospitals, doctors claim that the soldiers did not come until the Shiite and Kurdish rebellions began and that during the U.S. attacks the medics mostly attended to women and children.

It now appears possible that while relatively small numbers of soldiers died during the war (compared to the 100,000 U.S. forces claimed as

dead), the largest number of dead were among the innocent civilians that Bush said he wished to help.

It is not necessarily the actions the United States took that the American people should be concerned about. Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney stated that all the actions our government took were "perfectly legitimate" within the protocols of war. What the U.S. government should be faulted for is conducting a misinformation campaign against its own people.

It is understandable that certain facts must be kept secret in interest of security, but it is not necessary for the government to say civilians are being avoided and then intentionally hit those same civilians. It is not necessary to say we will hit only military targets and then strike against non-military sites. It is not necessary to claim wildly successful victories when they don't really exist. Facts can be concealed as state secrets, but they should not be fabricated and twisted to make a war sound like something it is not in order to garner public support.

Vietnam was the first war of the TV generation. The leaders of America learned how the public could become disenchanted when faced with the realities of war every day on the nightly news; that was corrected during the Gulf War. A very successful campaign was run to convince the public that the war was just and that only those who had done wrong were hurt. During the Gulf War the government learned how to process, package and sell war and the people of America bought it. The world is a less safe place because of it.

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Welcome Week 1991 Through September 2

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9pm-1am Marvin Gras
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Friday, August 30
8pm-midnight Live Music Jam in George's
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Three local bands heat things up
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Saturday, August 31
11am-3pm The BIG To Do! Artfest on H Street
GW's main street becomes an artsy-groovy scene
with local vendors, artisans, good food, great music,
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Sunday, September 1
9pm-1am Back to School Dance
Market Square, Marvin Center 1st floor
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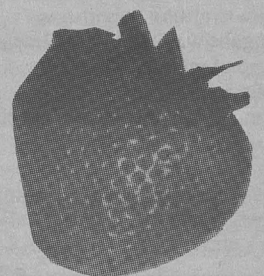
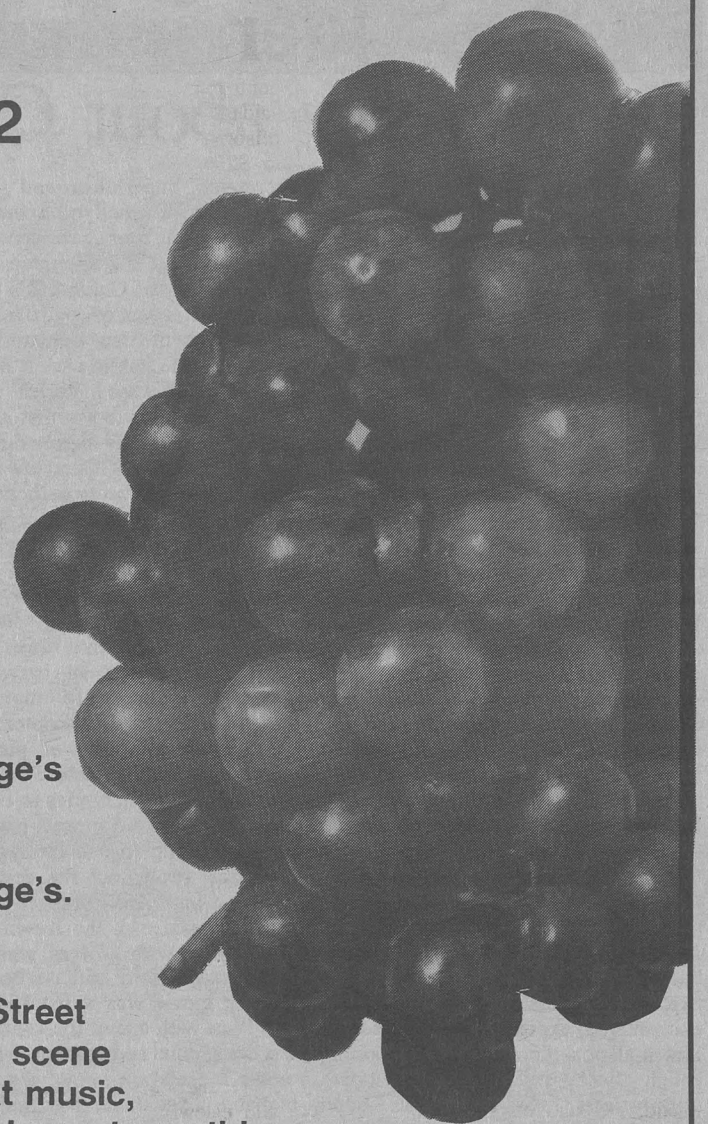
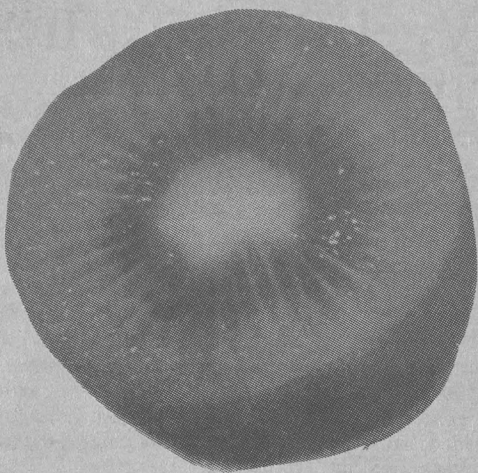
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NLC prof urges jails to free older inmates

by Deborah Solomon
News Editor

In an effort to save taxpayers money and free up jail cells from their current overcrowded state, GW Associate Law Professor Jonathan Turley has created a program called Projects for Older Prisoners.

The project focuses on releasing geriatric prisoners who are over the age of 55 and still serving time in jail for crimes they committed when they were younger.

The program was created by Turley while he was a law professor at Tulane University, and he has brought it with him to the GW National Law Center. GW law students are advised by Turley and work on individual POP cases with him. After an initial meeting with the prisoner in question, the students begin to gather information for their case, Turley said.

One goal of the project is to get these older, low-risk, high-cost prisoners released from jail in order to vacate jail space, he said.

Turley said since older prisoners are less violent, it is a better idea to release an older person than a younger and possibly more dangerous one.

"Any prisoner in means any prisoner out," he said. "There's only a four percent chance of recidivism by someone over 35, while there's a 90 percent chance for someone younger," Turley said.

The cost for keeping an older inmate in prison is three times the amount it costs for a younger prisoner, Turley said. He said medical care the older inmates need and illnesses they contract

contribute to the higher costs. Turley said the average cost to incarcerate older prisoners is \$60,000 per year, compared to \$20,000 for those under 55.

Turley said he is working to create new legislation for geriatric prisoners that will allow higher-risk inmates to be kept under surveillance for less money and not occupy a jail cell. He added he is working with several state legislatures to create an electronic bracelet system where a medium-risk patient would be monitored by this bracelet while residing in a nursing home.

Turley said risk assessment is achieved by administering psychological tests to the prisoners. "POP has credibility," Turley said. "We don't lie. If we think someone is dangerous, we don't recommend they should be released."

When asked if it is dangerous to keep these prisoners in a less secure setting than prison, Turley cited the difference between chronological and physical age. "Prisoners are, on average, seven years older physically than they are chronologically... A seventy year old man is not going to scale a wall or attack a guard to escape," he said.

The program is in its third year, and so far Turley said none of the prisoners POP has gotten released have committed another crime.

Since 1989, Turley said approximately 500 prisoners have been involved with the POP program and more than 300 law students from GW and elsewhere have worked on these cases.



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students applying for aid this year has increased 40 percent. "When you have the combination of an archaic system, not enough staff, not enough space and an increase in volume, it puts us in a position where awards came later than they should have," he said.

According to Chernak, financial aid is implementing a quick, new system

designed to make distributing awards a "paperless process." He said all financial records will be on file in the computer system and the system will be able to access all records onto a computer screen.

Several other students, who did not want their names revealed, said they have experienced problems with financial aid. One student said he did not get his award until Aug. 21 because financial aid had misplaced his W-2 tax forms.

Another student said when she had not received her package by July she called financial aid and they said they might have misplaced her file. She still

has not received her award and does not know how much money she will be getting from GW.

Another student who made dean's list in 1991, sang with the University troubadours and was active in Program Board, lost \$10,000 in aid and can no longer attend GW. Financial aid told him this was because his father received a raise of \$7,500, but he can not afford to make up the difference from the lost assistance. After confronting Chernak about this, the vice president gave him an extra \$3,000 talent scholarship. The student was now getting \$5,000 in aid,

but this still was not enough so he transferred to University of Pittsburgh, a less expensive school that offered him more money than GW.

When asked about these students' particular problems, Donnelly said a student's situation could not be discussed without their written permission to waive their Buckley Amendment rights. These rights protect the student from having the school disclose their education records. The students who had problems with their aid did not want their parents' personal files seen, thus Donnelly refused to comment on these cases.

Reading room to be dedicated

University Marshal Jill Kasle said the 11th-annual Fall Convocation, to be held Sept. 6, is expected to be "one of the nicest events of the academic year because it will be filled with good cheer and excitement."

Included in the activities planned for the event are a dedication of Gelman Library's new 24-hour study room at 10:30 a.m. and a parade around campus at 11:30 a.m., Kasle said. The streets of the campus will be closed as various student groups, other staff members and the faculty dressed in caps and gowns march around the campus, she added.

The parade will continue to the newly-renovated Lisner Auditorium at 12 p.m. After the parade everyone is invited to attend an up scale picnic in the University Yard.

Margaret Vann, director of career planning and graduation at the School of Business and Public Management, is the coordinator of this "lawn reception," Kasle said.

This year's picnic will be different than those in past years because three tents will be set up instead of one and the participants will have to move around more than before. Vann, who has worked with director of catering Stephan Pressman, said everyone should be "pleasantly surprised."

The closing of the day will feature the dedication of the statue of George Washington in the University Yard. Faculty Senate Chairman William Griffith, when asked why universities have convocations, said, "It is a symbolic expression to the community of inquirers to shed light on the world we live in."

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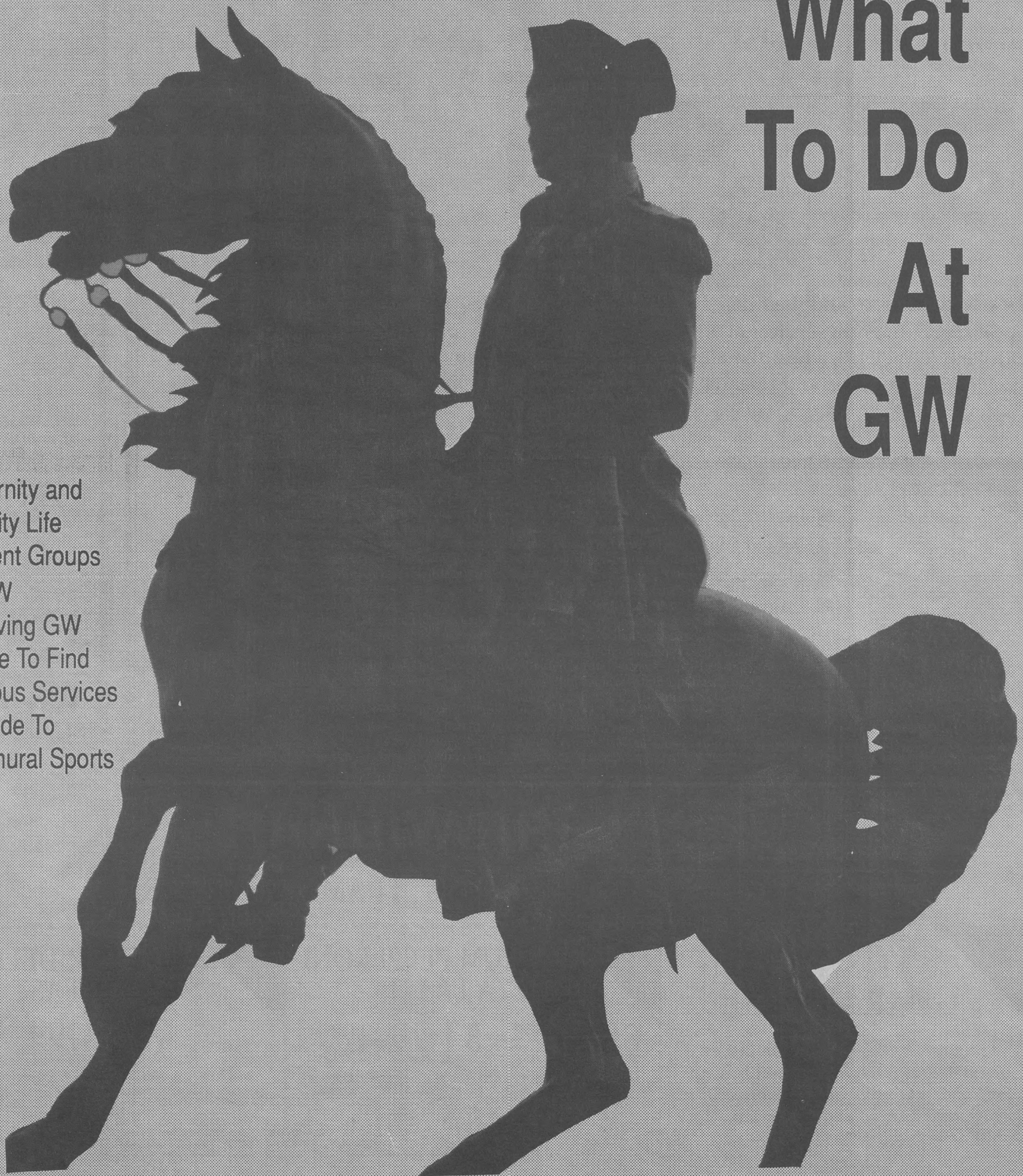
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Best Buddies

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Circle K International

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Korean Student Association

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Sororities more than just a social gathering

Community service important to sisterhoods

by Lisa Leiter

Talk about sorority rush circulates through Thurston Hall and resonates all over campus each year as the freshman girls meet the streets of GW. Before making the decision whether to rush or not, however, girls seeking to join a Greek-letter organization should keep some things in mind. Sororities are more than just social organizations that wear Greek-lettered T-shirts, have parties and frolic in the Grand Marketplace during lunch. They participate in several charity events, community service activities and create a friendship known as sisterhood — a bond that lasts beyond four years of college.

One of the University's service events is Miriam's All-Nighter, where sororities, fraternities and students groups participate in sports to raise money for Miriam's Kitchen — a soup kitchen for the homeless people in Foggy Bottom. Sororities also participate in Derby Days, a week of events sponsored by the fraternity Sigma Chi. The sororities, along with Sigma Chi, raise money for a charity of their choice. Most sororities also have philanthropy events on a regular basis within the individual sororities.

Other events include Cookie Cabaret, where sisters in each sorority work together to bake cookies for a charity and Greek Week, which includes activi-

ties such as Greek god and goddess night, guest speakers and games.

"This year, cooperation between houses will be stressed more than competition," Interfraternity Council President Aaron Kwitken said.

Some good advice for girls interested in rushing is that when attending rush parties, ask questions. The sisters in each sorority want to talk about their house individually, in addition to discussing information about sororities in general. Make sure to inquire about pledging programs, school activities, social events and financial obligations. It's easy to get so caught up in meeting people that you forget the real reason why you're there: to choose an organization of which you will be a member for the rest of your life.

Panhellenic Association President Jennifer Goodrich said one of this year's goals is to develop women in sororities as leaders. Goodrich hopes to plan programs that address women's issues and offer career training. In addition, she said she wants to develop sororities and a separate entity from fraternities and the IFC.

Panhellenic Rush Chair Kelly Levine said a Greek Fair will take place Aug. 30 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the third-floor terrace in the Marvin Center. "This gives the girls an opportunity to get a feeling what all of the sororities are like before the first rush party on Saturday," she said.



Fraternity boys will need to hit the books as much as this diligent DG to avoid a deferred rush.

IFC focus to avoid

Now that fraternities have been prepared to move on, however, another operation is being planned. The Interfraternity Council and the University have agreed to a deferred rush policy. According to IFC President Robert Chernak, the favor of such a policy, but V Services Robert Chernak does not want to be reached for comment.

Kwitken said half the fraternities would be deferred, but he noted that if the University-wide, and affect the academic performance standards. The argument for implementing academic performance standards is that point averages are slightly higher than the average, according to Kwitken.

If deferred rush is implemented, it could face some major problems. Because some fraternities have a large number of members, it would "catastrophically" affect the University's reputation.

Another contention is that student groups their freshman students and no restrictions on extracurricular activities. IFC is attempting to develop the problem internally, in much the same way as the fraternities have managed by the University.

Within a newly-formed scholarship fund for pledges and pledges, Serviss will chair the new committee.

"We need to take a proactive approach," he wants to encourage fraternities. Kwitken said he was confident in the Greek community, the same as the fraternities.

Currently, the Dean of Student Affairs, is seeking candidates for the position of Greek community, the same as the fraternities.

The 25-member Lambda chapter, a student organization by the name of the University, they will not have added.

A chapter of the national organization of Alcohol has been established by Greek-letter organizations about educational seminars. Sophomore head up the new group.

The IFC will be passing a new policy some time later this year, Kwitken held more accountable for the new guidelines will fall on the policy that many individual chapters.

IFC and the Panhellenic Association will hold a Greek Week Nov. 4 through Nov. 8. IFC awareness and condoms will be distributed, according to Kwitken.

Words to rush by...

active - a fully initiated member of a fraternity or sorority.

associate - a non-initiated member in a fraternity which uses the associate member program.

bid - an invitation to pledge a fraternity or sorority.

brother - a term used by active members in a fraternity when referring to each other.

Greek - a member of a fraternity or sorority.

initiation - the traditional ritual which brings the pledge into full membership of the fraternity or sorority.

IFC - Interfraternity Council, a representative governing body of all fraternities.

legacy - a rushee of a fraternity who is the son or brother of a member of a fraternity.

Panhellenic - the representative governing body of all sororities.

pledge - a trial member of a fraternity or sorority, working to become an active.

ritual - the activity by which a fraternity brings into membership its pledges who have met initiation requirements; the traditionally secret ceremonies of a secret fraternity.

rush - the activity by which a fraternity or sorority seeks new membership.

sister - a term used by active members in a sorority when referring to each other.



photo by Adam Sidel

Zeta Beta Tau's Jon Fichman talks to two prospective rushees at the Greek Festival on the Quad Aug. 25.

SORORITY RUSH

Focuses on grades avoid deferred rush

by Jeff Goldfarb

Fraternities have had dry rush under their belts for a full year, they had to move on to bigger and better things. In the mean time, another operational topic has come up for discussion between the council and the University — deferred rush.

Would eliminate fall rush, which most fraternities currently utilize, spring rush, and simply have one rush in January.

IFC President Aaron Kwitken, some GW administrators are in policy, but Vice President of Student and Academic Support Chernak does not support deferred rush. Chernak could not be reached for comment.

Half the fraternities on campus would also like to see one consolidated rush. If the policy were implemented it would have to be approved by the University and affect all fraternities.

For implementing deferred rush stems essentially from an academic standpoint. GW statistics show that the non-Greek grade point average is slightly higher than students involved with Greek-letter organizations, Kwitken said.

If implemented, however, the Greek-letter organization system would have major problems, Kwitken said. "A lot of (fraternity) houses will be closed," he said.

Fraternities have as little as 10 to 15 brothers, a deferred rush would "effect those houses economically," Kwitken pointed out. The reason is that many students get as actively involved in other activities during their freshman years, and no study confirms GPAs for those who stay involved. Restrictions apply to freshmen who wish to participate in other activities.

Working to develop a universal scholarship requirement and monitor it, in much the same way they did with dry rush, Kwitken said. If fraternities govern themselves effectively, they can avoid being shut out of the University, he added.

The newly-formed scholarship committee, IFC is looking into imposed scholarship requirements and peer tutoring, according to Kwitken. Junior Dan Chernak is the new committee. He could not be reached for comment.

"We have a proactive role with scholarship," Kwitken said, adding that he would encourage fraternities to utilize more of GW's resources.

Kwitken was confident that if scholarship improvements could be made, the school would hold off on imposing a deferred rush.

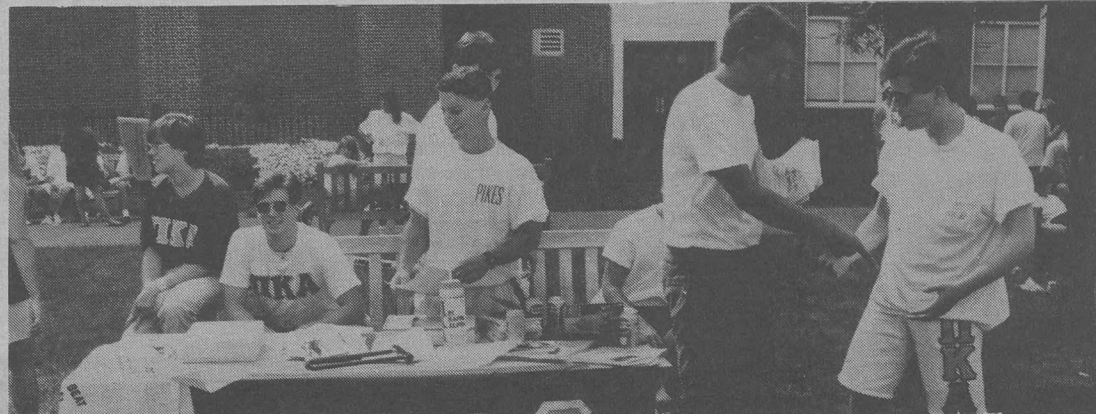
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The Dean of Students Office, along with help from IFC and the University, is searching for a Greek affairs coordinator. Prospective coordinators are being interviewed and Kwitken said a selection will be made by Oct. 1.

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The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity will officially be recognized as a chapter by the school and a colony of the IFC on Nov. 1, according to Kwitken. They will not have voting power in the IFC for one full year, he said.

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The national organization Greeks Advocating Mature Management (GAMMA) has been established at GW. GAMMA counsels members of fraternities about substance abuse through individual advising and seminars. Sophomore Drew Berman and junior Marnie Mehuron will be the group's first advisors.

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The school is passing a substance abuse, hazing and sexual abuse policy this year, Kwitken said. "Across the country Greeks are being held accountable for their actions and need to be more reliable," he said. Fraternities will fall under the risk management category, a type of insurance. Individual national fraternities have been implementing for their members.

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The Panhellenic Association will sponsor the Great Greek Condom Campaign Nov. 8. During the week, seminars will be held about sexual health and condoms will be distributed throughout campus by the two organizations, Kwitken said.



GW's newest fraternity, PIKA, tried to get some new members at the Greek Festival.

photo by Adam Sidel

Ten tips on rushing fraternities

Be yourself, ask questions among advice from Greek leaders

Fraternity life at GW offers men an opportunity to participate in all areas of campus life. Many Greek members will tell you that joining a fraternity provides friendship, brotherhood and the motivation to learn, grow and mature. Fraternity brothers share a strong sense of belonging, but more important is the reinforcement they receive in fulfilling their individual potential. Taking advantage of this opportunity can help you make the most of your college experience.

Fraternity rush lasts approximately three weeks and is a relatively simple process. After registering with GW's Interfraternity Council, you are encouraged to visit with all the fraternities. Rush events, though varied from fraternity to fraternity, include barbecues, bands, athletic events and, most importantly, time to meet the brothers and alumni. Here is a list of 10 guidelines to keep in mind while rushing:

- 1) Look around. There are many fraternities at GW that participate in rush. Spend as much time as possible at each chapter. Narrow your choices down after about a week, and then concentrate on the fraternities with which you are most interested. Pledge the fraternity where you feel the most comfortable and where the interest is mutual.
- 2) Be yourself. Be sure to act natural while visiting fraternities. The chapters will pledge you for who you are.
- 3) Show interest. Make an effort to meet as many brothers as possible because a vote of the membership is required to offer you an invitation to pledge. If you would like to pledge a fraternity, be sure to make

your interest known.

4) Ask questions. Before pledging, be sure you are aware of the time and financial commitments you are making. Also, be sure to ask anything you feel is relevant — the brothers are there to give you whatever information you would like.

5) Have a good time. Rush is a time of enjoyment as well as a chance to meet new people.

6) Think positively. Beware of fraternities and rushees who belittle and make derogatory remarks about another fraternity.

7) Make your own decision. Do not pledge a fraternity simply because a friend is pledging there. Pledge where you will be the happiest. Rest assured that you will make new friends in your own chapter.

8) Be informed. Familiarize yourself with the fraternity names and the aspects of each fraternity you like and dislike. Some rushees confuse the fraternities because they do not remember the different Greek names.

9) Find your niche. Seek to pledge a fraternity which is representative of your aspirations and one that you feel you will benefit from and contribute to most easily.

10) Take your time. Don't be pressured into making a decision. Pledging a fraternity is an important decision and should be given a lot of time and thought.

-Aaron Kwitken
IFC President
-Dan Serviss
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Fraternities participate in a number of philanthropy events including this IFC-sponsored program to train chimps to help the disabled.

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Lesbian and Gay People's Alliance

The Lesbian and Gay People's Alliance (LGPA), located in MC 420, is a social and support group for the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual community at GW. We also represent speakers and programming, including our annual Gay Awareness Week, for the entire GW community in an effort to combat homophobia and heterosexism.

Panhellenic Association

The Panhellenic Association is an organization established to foster inter-

fraternity relationships, to cooperate with the University in maintaining the highest scholastic and social standards, and to assist fraternity women further the ideals of fraternity.

Program Board

HEY!!! The Program Board (PB) is the student-run organization that brings concerts, parties, speakers, films and more to GW. If you are energetic, enthusiastic and desire to become a part of the hippest crew on campus, bring your ideas to MC 429 Wednesdays at 8:00 or call 994-7313 for more info!

Progressive Student Union

We are fun-loving, hard-working activists. In our 11 years on campus we have provided education and direct action on many issues, including

racism, sexism, homelessness, homophobia, militarism, disarmament and more. PSU makes the connections between social and justice issues. Call 994-7590 or stop by Marvin Center 420 for further information.

Residence Hall Association

The Residence Hall Association is the representative body for the University's 13 residence halls. In addition to representing student issues, ideas and concerns to the University administration, RHA is a programming body that sponsors the Winter Ball, Superdance, Martha's Marathon and cosponsors Spring Thing with the Program Board. Anyone can join and all are encouraged to do so. RHA meets Wednesday at 9:00 in MC 403 starting September 18.

GWU Sailing

Joining us will boost your experience, teach you the basics and provide opportunities for you to compete intercollegiately. We sail locally and travel for regattas. It's a great way to enjoy afternoons and/or weekends while gaining experience which can help you compete. If interested: Meeting Saturday 8/31, 1st floor Marvin Center 10 a.m. or contact Dave Huber at 994-9452 or Erica Haggerty 676-2517.

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Society of Professional Journalists

GW's chapter of SPJ is open to all students interested in learning more about journalism. Along with sponsoring programs involving many prominent journalists, members of SPJ are also invited to join a national convention. For more information, contact the journalism department.

Students for Environmental Action

Students for Environmental Action (SEA) is a group of students organized to protect the environment through education and action. Ongoing campaigns include comprehensive University-wide recycling and a ban on disposable plastics at Marriott. Discussion groups have been formed on environmental philosophies. Research information is available. Meetings are Thursdays at 8:30 in MC 419. Phone 994-7284.

The Student Association

What organization has more than 17,000 members? What organization funds all student groups? What organization is the voice of the students? You guessed it! The Student Association, the official student government of the George Washington University. You can make it happen in Financial Affairs, Judicial Affairs, Public Affairs, Student Activities, and Student Affairs. Come to our open house on September 12, at 7:00 p.m. in room MC 403 or call 994-7100

Students United to Women's Issues Now

We invite you to our first meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 24, at 8 p.m. in Marvin Center 405. WIN is an organization of women and men who organize, mobilize and educate the GW community on women's issues,

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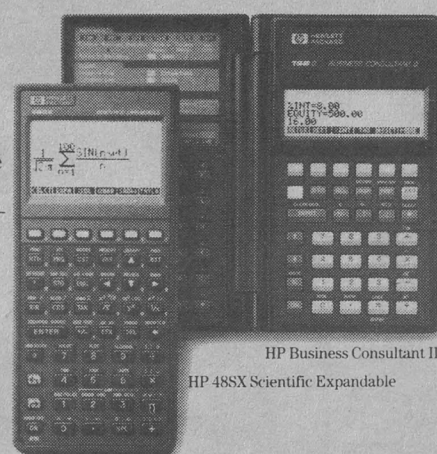
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by Wayne Milstead

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Fret no longer. GW has a wealth of different services that even the most independent student will find helpful.

One of the most important services to remember is definitely the GW Information Center located on the first floor of the Marvin Center. If a question arises that you need answered, pick up the phone and dial 994-4949 (that's 994-GWGW for those who didn't catch it the first time.) Any question they can't answer they will tell you who can. If you need to know a campus phone number, registration procedures, or any countless other tidbits of knowledge, this student staffed office is the place to call.

When you get ready to hit the books and do some serious studying, the Melvin Gelman Library, on the corner of 22nd and H streets, is GW's only undergraduate library and provides a quiet place to study 24 hours a day. Gelman has an extensive computer system and librarians who can assist you with locating different materials. The audio-visual room is on hand for any films or music you might have to peruse for a class.

The addition of the new 24-hour reading room provides an excellent seclusion for those all-night cram sessions. Since the reading is manned by a University Police Officer at the new Gelman Security Sub-station, it is also safe.

Next door to the reading room is the new Security Access Office set to open soon. If you lose your ID, or any problems with getting into your building, these high-tech wizards can help you out.

The GW Student Association, located in room 424 of the Marvin Center, offers many student services that help make life easier. One program the SA sponsors is the Student Advocate Service, which offers aid to students who have problems with professors or University policies. If you need to locate an old test for a class or need to find a syllabus so you have some idea what to expect at exam time, the SA test file is at your disposal. The Academic Evaluation is produced by the SA to let you know how other students rank professors and classes. The SA can be reached at 994-7100.

Before you left home your parents probably told you never to walk alone and that is certainly not bad advice in a city like D.C. The Student Escort Service, although vastly under-used, is on hand to offer someone to walk you from one point to another on campus after dark. If there is one number to remember, it is the Student Escort number, 994-WALK, because it never hurts to be cautious.

A lot of students decide they want to get a job or internship to supplement their education. If this sounds like something you might want to do, the Career and Cooperative Education Center, on the fourth floor of Phillips Hall can be a valuable resource for finding those opportunities. CCEC can be reached at 994-6495.

The Office of Student Financial Aid, located on the third floor of Rice Hall, is the place to take care of work-study and

get questions about financial aid answered. The lines tend to be long at the beginning of the semester, so you might want to keep that in mind.

While in Rice Hall, you can cash checks and pay your tuition bill at the Cashier's Office also on the third floor. For an initial fee of \$1, the office will cash checks of up to \$100 for students the whole semester.

The Registrar's Office is located on the first floor and can answer questions about transcripts and registration.

The Dean of Student's Office is on the fourth floor of Rice Hall and can assist students with academic and personal problems arising from emergencies and illness. The staff can help direct students and aid in resolving many problems that pertain to student life.

For growth and personal development, the Counseling Center, located at 718 21st street, is available for group and individual counseling. The center has ongoing programs to help with many common problems such as procrastination. They can be contacted at 994-6550.

The Office of Campus Life provides programs and events geared to help the community spirit and GW grow and enrich students. A listing of campus and OCL events can be found in the Hatchet.

In the event you feel a little under the weather, Student Health Services located on the ground floor of the Ambulatory Care Unit on 22nd street, can give you free medical treatment and reduced prescriptions. As the winter creeps up, this becomes a popular place on campus. It is often a good idea to call ahead for an appointment. Appointments and inquiries can be made by dialing 994-6827.

Student activity takes on literal meaning with intramural sports

by Scott Jared

GW's answer to the college beer-belly blues is the Smith Center at 22nd and G streets, home to Division I sports contests, intramural sports and your average student.

The Smith Center is free for all students with a current GW ID and their guests can come in, as well, for a \$3 fee. The facility has basketball, racquetball and squash courts, a swimming pool, free weights, a Nautilus room and more.

The Smith Center is open 9 a.m. to 2 a.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 12 a.m., Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. Racquetball and squash courts are available between those times but you must call to make reservations at 994-7460. You can make reservations 24 hours in advance or less. There is usually a gym open for pickup basketball, but it's always a good idea to call the Smith Center at 994-8584 before you head over.

For those of you who are nautically inclined, the pool is open to students for lap swimming Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and again from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, the pool is available to students between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., and has additional hours between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sundays.

If you want to bulk up, the free weight room has hours Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. It is open Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The Smith Center is also home to aerobics, so grab you're spandex and head on over. Aerobics start Sept. 18 and will be from 12-1 weekdays, 5:30-6:30 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 6-7 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All of those options may sound great for those of you self-motivated fitness buffs, but don't fret, there are also options

for students who want to play team sports or are looking for a little competition — intramurals.

Intramurals are run by the GW Recreational Sports department. Rec Sports has a hotline with participation information at 994-6250, or you can call their office at 994-6251.

Highlights of the fall intramural season include three-on-three basketball, floor hockey, volleyball and flag football. These, like all intramurals, are open to any group of GW students.

Three-on-three basketball is a half-court, round-robin tournament with winners advancing to the play-offs. The five-on-five, full-court version comes later in the spring.

Floor hockey, always a fall favorite, features five-on-five competition played nights in the Smith Center. Flag football games are a seven-on-seven affair played on fields close to the Lincoln Memorial.

There are two versions of volleyball for your bump, set and spiking enjoyment. The first is a regulation, six-on-six indoor game and the second is the four-on-four beach volleyball tournament. There are sand courts on the Rock Creek Parkway between the Roosevelt Bridge and the Arlington Memorial Bridge. It is not exactly playing by the surf in California, but sand is sand. With the exception of beach volleyball, all sports are played with a regular season and a play-offs system.

Other fall intramurals include a golf tournament for four-player teams, a horseshoe pitching tournament, paddle boat races, a 10-person monument relay, a swim meet for six-person co-ed teams, a miniature golf tournament, a mixed doubles tennis tournament, a racquetball tournament and a fun run around the reflecting pool.

Anyone can enter a team and all sports have entry deadlines in early September, so gather some friends and call the Recreational Sports office soon to make sure you don't miss out on the action.

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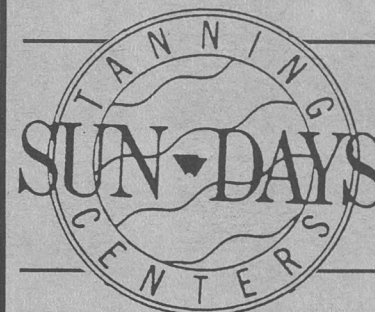
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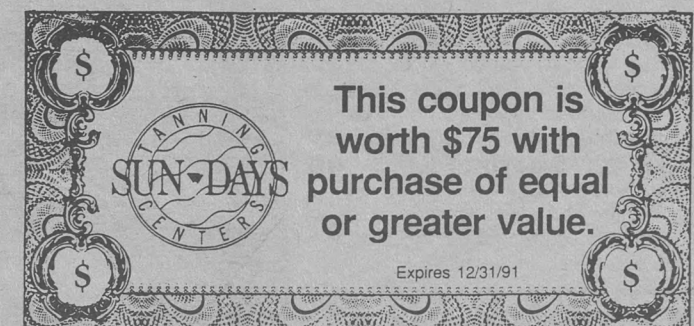
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Activities

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achieving its goals through speakers, rallies, workshops and a newspaper. WIN is committed to combatting prejudice, instilling pride and promoting acceptance and equality. Contact Margery Mazie in Marvin Center 425 or at 994-7201.

The Wooden Teeth

The Wooden Teeth is an Arts and Literary magazine run by and consisting only of material from the GW community. It is published twice yearly. Meetings are held once a week. Coffee Houses, an evening of music and poetry

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Young Americans for Freedom

The Young Americans for Freedom is the nation's oldest, largest and most active conservative youth organization. Its objectives are to inform students about today's economic and political issues. If you are interested in joining or obtaining more information, please contact Aaron Chang (703) 920-3835 or Scott Lauf (202) 994-2231.

Survival techniques for everyday life at a hectic university

by Maren Feltz

Here's the scene: it's the second week of school. Thanks to all the great tips in our orientation issue, you've been out having a great time at the best D.C. bars, clubs and restaurants. So you finally wake up at 1:15 Sunday afternoon with your last \$3.20 on your dresser and enough laundry to choke a horse on your floor. This is where it is really important to know the details of campus survival.

If you haven't actually used the washers and dryers yet, you should at least know that they are located in the basement of your residence hall, unless you live in Thurston, where they can be found on every floor. The more crucial issue is where to find twelve extra quarters to actually do your laundry. Change machines are located on the ground floor of the Marvin Center near the vending machines and on the fourth floor of Gelman Library. You really don't have a prayer obtaining more than a dollar in quarters from any of the local merchants and certainly not if you don't spend a lot of money there in the first place. Since the change machines often run out late in the day and during the weekends, your best bet is to hoard your extra change in your desk drawer for this kind of emergency.

Most dorms have some kind of vending machines, but when your late-night hunger requires more than the options your dorm's got to offer, the campus vending machine conglomerate is located on the ground floor of the Marvin Center. There's a delicious array of candy, popcorn, soda, juice, ice cream, packaged Hostess stuff and even some real food like yogurt, Campbell's soup and those fast food, microwavable sandwiches and burritos they sell in gas stations and 24-hour convenience stores. Thurstonites have a similar, though slightly less complete vending machine collection on their first floor.

When you're looking to mail those all-important letters to your parents or your home-town honey, stamps can be bought at the newsstand on the ground

floor of the Marvin Center or at Mailboxes, Etc. in 2000 Penn, but they'll charge you an extra four cents. There's a stamp machine on Thurston's first floor, but it only takes quarters and it's usually out-of-order. If you find yourself shopping in the Watergate vicinity, you may as well pick up your stamps there.

For your calling convenience, there is the Menu Line at 994-0000. Call for a recorded message listing Marriott's lunch and dinner menus. Yum!

Hopefully, it'll be a while before you start cramming for exams, but for future reference, there's a test file of old tests and exams in the lobby of Thurston Hall and a larger one in the Student Association office on the fourth floor of the Marvin Center. It's a good idea to check out the test file to find out what kind of format your professor uses and the topics he or she focuses on. If you find yourself really floundering, you may want to look into the Peer Tutoring service. Call the Student Association for details. Good luck — hope you don't need it.

If you find yourself away from your residence hall or other home, and you are alone late at night, it's a good idea to call the Campus Escort service at 994-WALK. Not to sound like your parents, but even with lots of campus security around, Washington is really not a great place to be walking around late at night and all alone — even just on campus. So travel in packs when you can.

College students are almost always out of money it seems. This is where the all-important automatic teller comes into the picture. There's one on the ground floor of the Marvin Center, but if your card doesn't work there or the line stretches out of sight, try the machine in the 2000 Penn complex. Sometimes the 2000 Penn machine is temporarily out-of-order, so if you need cash fast and you're left with no other options there are other ATM's on the corners of 21st and K streets and 20th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. For those in Thurston, there's a machine at 18th and G streets.

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Comedienne delivers punch line, message

by Tracy Nylund
Hatchet Reporter

Bertice Berry, a well-known comedienne and sociologist, told students to have fun all through life and to appreciate diversity of people at her comedy performance Aug. 27 in Lisner Auditorium.

Berry began her show with several jokes and a sing-a-long, which contained a tune to the theme of Casper the Friendly Ghost. Berry joked to the audience of approximately 500 people that she used to think he was a baby Ku Klux Klan member.

Throughout the evening, Berry made several racial quips from a black woman's perspective, like that she would like to invent brown underarm deodorant.

She did impersonations of Oprah Winfrey, Leon Spinks, Whoopi Goldberg and Tina Turner. She showed her multitude of talents by singing Tina Turner songs. "I was surprised that a comedienne had that range of voice," GW freshman Brian Cornell said.

Berry's impersonation of Whoopi Goldberg was intensified because of the comedienne's dreadlocks. "I personally thought it was really good how she

could bring across a message without offending anyone and with humor," Cornell said.

Berry concluded her performance by posing as a preacher and using the audience as her congregation. She received many enthusiastic responses including humming and hallelujahs.

She had several inspirational messages between her jokes to convey a message more than comedy to the audience. "Everybody has the potential to truly change the world," Berry said. "All of us are different and (you should) be that different person."

Earlier in the day, Berry gave a speech in the Marvin Center concerning race relations on college campuses. According to Assistant Director for New Student Programs Steve Loflin, Berry spoke from a humorous viewpoint, since she was tired of hearing people give angry speeches.

One point she conveyed in her speech was that people have to change themselves first before they can help other people change their views about racism.

"It impressed me how as a comedienne and sociologist she brought a point across to the audience," GW freshman Denise Rucker said.

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Violence rules: guns, quivers, swords are big summer hits

This summer's movies have ranged a variety of topics from the comedy of *Naked Gun 2 1/2* to the racial themes of *Boyz 'N the Hood* to the romance and tragedy of *Dying Young*. Here, your fellow college students, Scott Jared, Robert Greenfield, Jeff Goldfarb, Lisa Leiter, Paul Connolly, Holger Stolzenberg, Ted Gotsch, Meredith Fisher, Maren Feltz and Deborah Solomon review the best and the worst to let you know what you missed and what's worth running out to see while it's still in the theatres.

Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey

Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey can be summed up very simply: too much plot, not enough hanging out. Somewhere between *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure* and the bogus journey, Bill and Ted changed. The two guys for whom a history report and their band were the most important things conceivable are suddenly getting engaged and saving the world in the bogus journey. The movie has got some hilarious scenes (playing Twister with Death, for instance) but overall, it moves too slowly. -S.J.



Boyz 'N the Hood

Spike Lee, make room. John Singleton's major film-making debut, *Boyz 'N the Hood* was this summer's biggest dose of the harsh reality of bleak, violence-filled inner-city life — territory previously only Lee dared to approach. *Boyz* was definitely not the feel-good movie of the summer, but it was probably the most necessary one. It's hard enough just watching two hours of Singleton's portrayal of life growing up black in violence-filled, south-central L.A., much less imagining having to do it. But there is more than shock to this movie. Furious Styles, the father of the protagonist, Tre, provides a voice for the path to change; he is likened to Louis Farrakhan and a preacher by Tre's friends. But Singleton does an amazing job of resisting the temptation to preach in the movie. He lets the characters' lives speak for themselves. No one can like this movie. Everyone must respect it. —S.J.

Dying Young

Julia Roberts was on the screen once again this summer in *Dying Young*, a touching film about a young man with leukemia (Campbell Scott), who hires Roberts to care for him while he undergoes chemotherapy. Although Roberts' character initially accepts the job for the financial compensation, the film turns into the development of an intense relationship between them. Despite the strong story line, something was missing in the chemistry between Scott and Roberts. Also, the mixture of humor and tragedy — an attempt by the writers to counter the depressing subject matter of the film — was ineffective. If you didn't see *Dying Young* this summer, don't run to theaters, just wait for the videotape. -L.L.



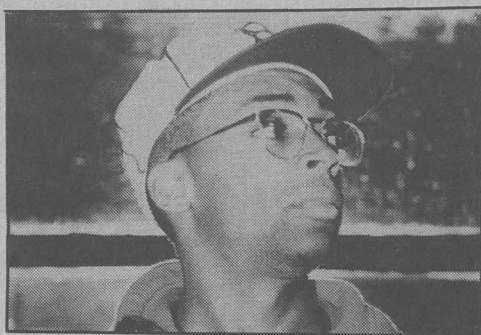
Hot Shots!

Jim Abrahams, part of the Zucker/Abrahams/Zucker trio who brought us the *Naked Gun* films and *Airplane*, provided this summer's hilarious spoof, *Hot Shots!*. The film takes jabs at everything from *Gone with the Wind* to *History of the World, Part I*. *Hot Shots!* may have been the turning point Charlie Sheen has been looking for. Being one of the few sons of Martin Sheen to share his father's last name, Charlie's career has not had much success the past few years. This just might be the film to pull his career out of the proverbial toilet. Although the film doesn't fire its laughs as fast as *Naked Gun*, there is plenty of sidesplitting lampooning and outrageous characters to make *Hot Shots!* the second funniest movie of summer '91. -P.C.

Jungle Fever

Jungle Fever, the latest film from Spike Lee makes many good points in its message about inter-racial relationships. But the situation in which the movie portrays the topic is not the best test case.

Still, the film is shot brilliantly in Lee's deliberate style, and the humor thrown in adds a nice touch to the film. The movie is a showcase for racial injustice that prevails in society. *Jungle Fever* takes a look at the inside of the human mind of all types of people, something that is rarely done. -T.G.



La Femme Nikita

Obviously the top movie of this summer would have to be *Terminator 2*, but this film comes to a close second. Though I had my doubts when I was told that this French, subtitled movie was outstanding, I became a believer.

Anne Parrillave portrays a drug-addict captured by the French police during a big shoot-out. Rather than putting her in jail, the government staged her death and trained her to be a government assassin.

The special effects and gunplay were both done with superb quality and the emotional drama going on in her mind about becoming an assassin was well acted by Parrillave. And to make this film even more unique, it had neither a happy nor sad ending, only a realistic one. -H.S.

Mystery Date

Mystery Date, the utterly disposable teen flick about a first date from hell, has actually been one of the most hotly debated films among *Hatchet* staffers. Some writers, it seems, found amusing and credible facets to actor Ethan Hawke's portrayal of the love-struck high-schooler who is repeatedly mistaken for his criminal older brother by a hostile gang. The plot includes a couple of murders, some drug dealers, a kidnapping, a few dangling-from-one-finger stunts and other everyday occurrences. Silly writers, these tricks are not for kids — the plot is so unbelievable and farfetched it is questionable if even the mindlessly hormonal junior-high rodent would find anything mysterious about this date. -M.F.



Naked Gun 2 1/2

Admittedly, *Naked Gun 2 1/2* isn't as funny as the first "Police Squad"-files movie, but nonetheless it's good for a few laughs. The jokes are expectedly similar to the type in the original version and some of them just aren't funny at all (assuming, of course, that some lines and gags were supposed to be funny). Inspector Drebin (Leslie Nielsen) goes to Washington in this one and the spoofs of George and Barbara Bush and John Sununu make for some of the funnier moments in the flick. All in all, it's the kind of movie you're best off renting on videotape and watching at home with a bunch of friends who have good senses of humor. -R.G.



Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves

Though *Robin Hood* did not turn out to be the smash hit of the season, it held its own among other stiff competition. For people who don't mind a little romance mixed in with their action films, *Robin Hood* was a great movie. Kevin Costner fans of course loved it. The color and cinematography were great and co-stars Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Allan Rickman and Morgan Freeman did great things for an already strong script. Worth seeing on the big screen if you have a chance. -M.E.F.



Terminator 2

The second the previews ended and *Terminator 2* itself finally appeared on the screen, everybody in the theater knew this movie meant hard-core action. With seven years to gather ideas since the original *Terminator* premiered, T2 had a lot of expectations to cover. And for the most part, it did. From an opening scene featuring a post-nuclear holocaust battle between men and machines for control of the world to good and evil terminators, both indestructible, battling in a steel factory, this movie more than satisfied the action requirement. T2 disappointed only when it slowed down and tried to get emotional. Let's face it, when you spend two hours of a movie watching a mother-and-son team destroying everything in sight, no one's going to be crying if the son feels that Mom ignored him. -S.J.

Truth or Dare

If Madonna wasn't already the world's best self-promoter before *Truth or Dare*, she certainly is now. The movie purportedly showed the never-seen-before parts of Madonna's life — the real Madonna. And while its candidness could be accused of being contrived, it didn't really matter; *Truth or Dare* was about as fun as a movie gets. Sharp concert footage mixed with backstage shots of the diva with everyone from her father to her backup singers made for real entertainment. Who really cares if *Truth or Dare* was daring — or even truthful? -J.G.

V.I. Warshawski

All right, so Kathleen Turner looks terrific in her tight jeans and baggy sweater, so her voice is husky and sexual, so her blond hair shimmers as it catches the moonlight. This does not excuse *V.I. Warshawski* from being the worst movie of the summer (next to *What about Bob?*), as well as the most disappointing.

Who wouldn't love it, a girl detective with the mouth of Philip Marlow and the wardrobe of Elizabeth Taylor? An anti-feminist with a great left hook. But, as great as this movie sounds, it really was not worth the six bucks. The plot is weak to begin with, and the story line is holier than the Vatican. It deals with a conspiracy between a multi-million dollar 13-year-old heiress and her greedy uncle. Basically, it was the same old plot. Murder your way to the riches, spare nobody, get the gold. -D.S.

What About Bob?

As a person whose name is indeed "Bob," I gotta like this movie. To tell the truth I'd like this movie if it was called *What about Frederick?* so you can be assured it has its merits. Bill Murray stars as our friend Bob, who befriends Richard Dreyfuss' family while driving Dreyfuss certifiably crazy. It's great for a summer movie because it's very simple and very funny — especially Murray's pointing at the person he is saying hello to. Be in a good mood when you see this one and have fun with it. -R.G.

ARTS & FEATURES

Branagh dead-on in psycho thriller

by Deborah Solomon

The sound of clipping and shearing and a stray hair falls. A black-and-white scene with cold metal bars looming in the distance. Here we meet a man on death row whose sinister eyes confront ours as we listen to him say that he did not kill his wife.

After a summer of uneventful and unexciting movies, *Dead Again* proved to be a welcome change. Never before has such a gripping, exciting, psychological thriller maintained a level of insensibility as consistently as this new film. *Dead Again* is one of those movies that cannot be classified as funny, scary, or dramatic — it is all three and more.

The film revolves around the concept of past lives, and questions who we were before we were ourselves. Yes, it sounds confusing, but director/actor Kenneth Branagh and writer Scott Frank do not allow complicated concepts to get in the way of enjoying the movie.

Branagh plays the role of sleazy detective Mike Church. Throughout the movie, Church attempts to crack the case of Emma Thompson — a beautiful

and mysterious woman who has lost her memory and her ability to speak through a tragic accident. The detective has been hired to help Thompson find her family and to rediscover her identity.

Actor Derek Jacobi plays Franklyn Madson, a man who tries to help Thompson figure out who she is by regressing Thompson through hypnosis. Madson's eccentric character is a doting antiques dealer who, between sentences, sizes up the value of the used gems he sees around him. At one point, he even tries regressing Theodore Roosevelt's niece back in time to find out what the president did with his mahogany desk.

As Madson regresses Thompson, she narrates the scene she is seeing, which appears to take place in the 1940s. Her hypnotic sessions recount tales from her former life as a young woman named Margaret, who is married to the famous composer, Roman Strauss.

Madson believes that the visions which the young woman describes are scenes from her former life, and he continues to regress her in the hope of figuring out who she is now. Detective

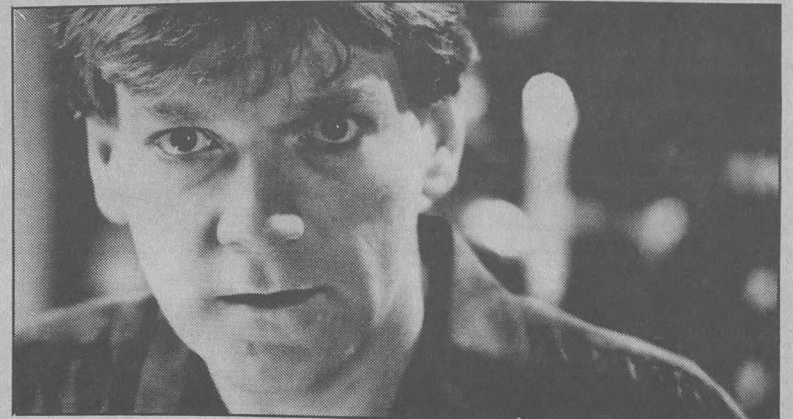
Church, the disbelieving skeptic, anxiously listens to Thompson describe her marriage, picture-perfect until a man named Gray Baker came along.

Baker, played by Andy Garcia, is a journalist who enters the picture during Margaret and Strauss's wedding. He is obviously enchanted by the beautiful woman. At their next meeting and dangerously close to the lurking husband, Baker warns Margaret that Strauss is dangerous.

After this scene, the movie becomes even more confusing. The present becomes mixed with the past, and by discussing any more of it, the twist would be given away.

A single word that best describes the movie is bizarre. Intricate, crafty details induce awe in the viewer, and the sharp camera angles and clever photography produce eerie results. Contrary to the image that the film's previews give off, *Dead Again* is not a horror movie, but a tense, psychological thriller.

Confusing and involved, *Dead Again* inspires the viewer to wonder if it is possible to meet the same people over and over again in each subsequent life.



Is it possible to return to a certain era to rectify some wrongful thing someone might have done to you? Do you really keep falling in love with the same person over and over again? Where does it end?

The excellent performances by Thompson, Branagh, Jacobi and especially Garcia make this movie click. The characters are all a little quirky, and their acting makes it that much more intense.

Robin Williams' cameo appearance is another wild bit of spice thrown into *Dead Again*. Williams portrays a burnt-out psychiatrist who works in a grocery

store and sits in a meat locker with sides of beef. He and Branagh converse about past lives, and whether or not Thompson should continue to be regressed into the past. Williams' character is a bit psycho, but he makes sense, and his advice is sound and on target.

Watch *Dead Again* carefully and pay attention to details, because there's an abundance of symbolism and hidden meaning. The movie is unlike any I have ever seen, and although the plot becomes paradoxical, it is an amazing, twisty, unbelievably grabbing movie.

Overall grade: A

Welcome Week festivities continue with Saturday street fair

"GW has never had anything like this before, and it seemed like a natural thing to do on a college campus," explains sophomore Tim Weishaar. "It's such a uniquely urban thing, it could never happen in a rural environment."

Weishaar is the organizer of this Saturday's

upcoming Artfest, a new Welcome Week activity sponsored by *The Big-to-Do* magazine and the Office of Campus Life. Beginning at 11 a.m. and continuing until 3 p.m., the street fair will fill the pavement along H Street from 21st to 22nd streets with over 45 artists and vendors, five or six musicians and a variety of food sellers.

Local craftspeople have been solicited for the fair through a recent advertisement placed in the City Paper. As similar sales opportunities usually require the vendor to pay a registration fee, Weishaar attributes much of his success to recruiting artists with the promise of free plots of space, as well as tables and chairs at no cost. The response of the artistic

community has been, according to Weishaar, "overwhelming and diverse."

Samples of the wares for sale will include jewelry and textiles, and some artists have also reported they plan to sell ethnic foods along with their craft items.

-Meredith Fisher

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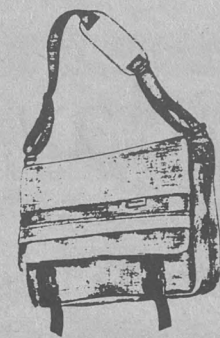


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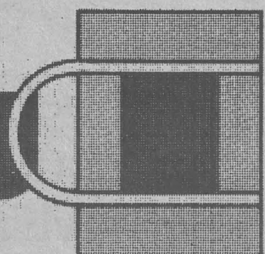
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SA Senate to review JEC, new challenges

by Paul Connolly
Asst. News Editor

Among the plans being made by the 1991-92 Student Association Senate is a call to form a joint committee with the Program Board and Marvin Center Governing Board to consider possible changes that should be made to the Joint Elections Committee, according to SA Executive Vice President Dave Parker.

"Too many members (of the JEC) overlook the committee's regulatory roll," Parker said. According to Parker, the JEC spends too much of their time trying to catch student candidates who violate election rules rather than focusing on the election process itself.

Parker said the new committee, which is still in the planning stages, will look at new campaign finance policies among other JEC laws. The JEC's frequent changing of election rules to make actions illegal that were acceptable the previous year will also be considered for investigation.

With the creation of the student court this year, the JEC will no longer hear appeals of the fines they issue, Parker said.

Parker said another problem faced by

the Senate is the lengthy appointment process. As the SA Constitution states, nonvoting positions are available for two first-year undergraduate and two first-year graduate students. There are also two open positions this year, however, for the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences graduate program, for which no students ran last spring.

The Senate appointment discussions to fill these positions are far too lengthy, Parker said. "We're going to try getting (appointments) taken care of more at the committee stage," he added.

This year, Parker said he is making office hours mandatory for all senators in order to make them more accessible outside of meetings. Last year, Senate meetings were held at various locations to encourage student participation, but only "made matters more confusing," Parker said. This year, all meetings will be held in Marvin Center room 405 at 8:45 pm every other Monday.

The first meeting will be Sept. 9. Any students interested in applying for the freshman or first-year graduate positions should contact the Senate rules committee, Parker said.

UPD makes library safety a top priority

The University Police Department implemented a new security substation in Gelman Library and changed officer assignments in Rice Hall and the Academic Center because of the addition of information desks in those buildings, UPD Director Curtis Goode said.

"The substation was motivated by the new 24-hour reading room that (has been) constructed. We wanted greater visibility along the H street corridor," Goode said.

As of July 1, the manned security desks in Rice Hall and the Academic Center were changed to information desks staffed by students who work with the Visitor's Center.

The Rice Hall information desk operates from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., after which time access into the building is gained by key card, Goode said.

The Academic Center is manned by a UPD officer between 3 p.m. and 8 a.m., Goode said, adding that an information specialist works the desk during the day.

University Police will patrol those buildings on foot periodically during the night, Goode said.

The substation will operate when Gelman is closed, according to Goode, adding the officer will monitor activity in and out of the reading room, while also acting as a reporting station for campus crime.

"The guard will have a clear line of vision onto H Street and into the reading room. I think that is going to be a busy part of campus with the reading room. It is a good place to work out of. There's more visibility there than here in Woodhull house," Goode said.

-Wayne Milstead

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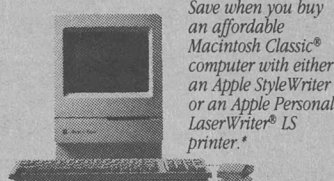
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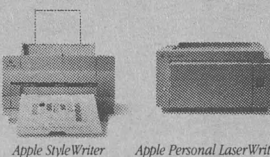
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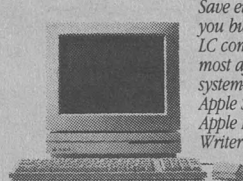


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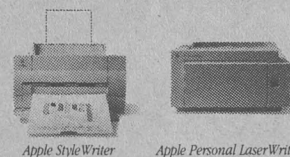


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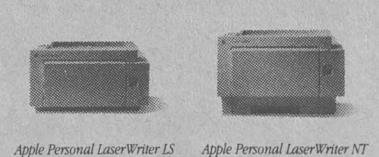


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SPORTS

Souza to lead polo team

by Holger Stolzenberg
Senior Sports Writer

After finishing second in the Eastern Championships to complete its best season ever, the GW water polo team is looking to equal, if not better that performance this season.

But the Colonials will have to do so with an almost entirely new team due to the graduation of seven players last year. GW head coach Callie Flipse said she is confident, though, retaining three of last year's top scorers.

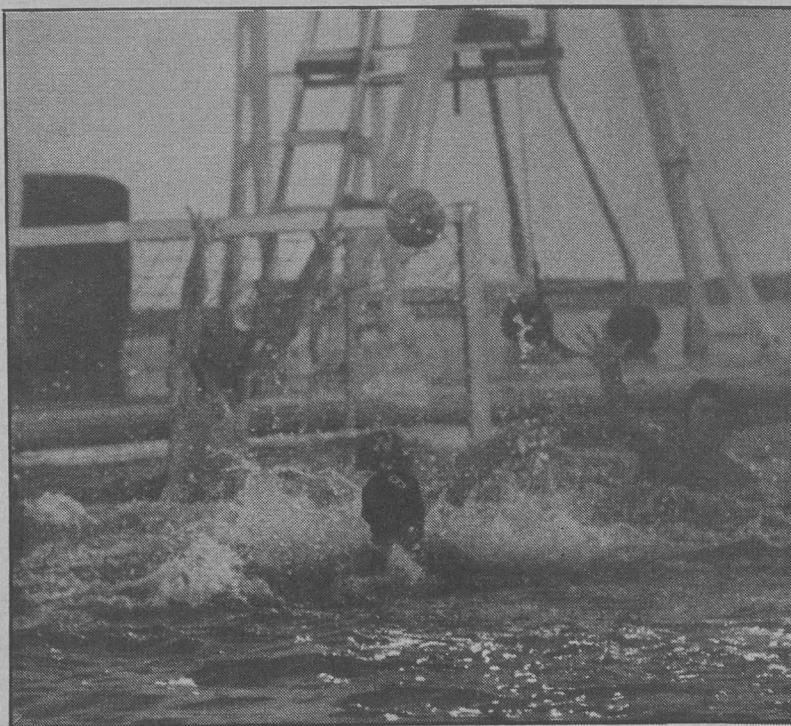
Last season, the squad finished first in the Mid-Atlantic Conference and then placed second in the Mid-Atlantic Tournament before taking second at the Easterns.

"I would like to repeat as the top team in the Mid-Atlantic," Flipse said. "But I would also like to win the tournaments this season. Last year we lost a lot of people, which gives us some weak points on our bench, but I think that this team might be even stronger than last season."

"If we can avoid injuries, we could win the championships," Flipse said. "It's a real solid team and most importantly it is a team that plays strong defense."

Practices have been strenuous in the first five days, according to Flipse, since the Colonials start their season with a double dual meet Sept. 7. Flipse said practices to this point have consisted solely of swimming exercises. In the team's five days of practice, the team has already swum 24 miles, according to Flipse.

She also said a good portion of the team came into camp early and those who did were more disciplined and ready to work. "As a coach, you want to see them come into camp in better shape than when they left, but they are eager



The GW water polo team expects to spend a lot of time in front of opponents' goals this season.

photo by The GW Hatchet

and ready to work, which is nice," she said.

Flipse said she looks for two of this year's seniors to step up and take leadership roles in and out of the water. Jason Hornik, an honorable mention on last year's Eastern team, returns as last year's second-leading scorer. With 51 goals and 40 steals last season, Hornik and Kirt Nelson (24 goals, seven steals) will play prominent roles in the Colonials campaign this season, according to Flipse.

The key returning starter is last year's team MVP Glauco Souza, who led the team in his freshman year with 84 goals and 40 steals. Souza was a first-team All-Eastern player, as well as a first-team All-Mid-Atlantic player.

Flipse said Souza is an important part of the team and will be counted on to help lead the offense. She said she expects Souza to avoid athlete's typical "sophomore slump".

"He shouldn't slow down offensively," Flipse said. "He might not duplicate his statistical records, because now all the teams know who he is, but that in turn should give the other players several opportunities."

The Colonials will have stability in the goal this year as both of last year's goalkeepers, Steve Nadherny and Andy Hall, return for their junior seasons. The two split time equally, but Flipse said they will be battling to earn a starting position in preseason.

After losing one of their top players last year in Rick Mehedff — a second-team All-Mid-Atlantic and a second-team All-Eastern player — Flipse said that Kirk Haney, a transfer addition, is a likely candidate to replace him. Haney, a junior out of Long Beach State University, has looked good and should be an integral part of the Colonials offense, according to Flipse.

Gymnasts post third in U.S. GPA ranking

by Scott Jared
and
Holger Stolzenberg
Senior Sports Writers

The GW gymnastics team had the third-best grade-point average of all college gymnastics teams in the country last year, posting a team average of 3.344. Five Colonial Women gymnasts were also individually honored as all-American scholar-athletes by the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches for Women in an article in The NCAA News.

The team's academic accomplishment accompanied one of the Colonial Women's best seasons on the mats in which they made the NCAA Southeast regional for the first time in four years.

"We're really excited about (our academic achievement)," GW head coach Margie Cunningham said. "We made some great strides competitively last year and to still be performing great in the classroom is outstanding."

Of the five GW competitors who earned All-America honors, Nancy Plaskett had the highest GPA last season with a 3.94. Plaskett, now a senior, was the 1989 Atlantic 10 Conference "Freshman of the Year", a member of the A-10 All-Conference team and represented GW at the NCAA Regionals, all in 1989.

Angela Sarno had the second-highest GPA among the gymnasts, a 3.84. Also a senior this year, she was a District II GTE CoSIDA Academic All-American in 1989 and 1991. She was the team's most valuable player in 1989 and is GW's record holder in the uneven bars with a 9.45 score.

Spring graduate Lisa Geczik scored a 3.837 last year — her final year at GW. Geczik, last year's captain, was a two-time District II GTE CoSIDA Academic All-American in 1989, 1990 and 1991. She was selected to the Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference team for the 1989-90 season and was awarded a Price Waterhouse scholarship for accounting. Geczik has also set the school record in the floor exercise with a 9.50 and qualified for the 1988 NCAA regionals.

Shane Brennan helped out her team with a GPA of 3.572 in her sophomore year, while spring graduate Beth Schueler added a 3.56. Schueler competed in the 1988 Southeast regionals. Her 9.45 score on the vault is the second-best score for that event in GW history.

The gymnastics team has won the GW academic award as the team with the highest combined total GPA the last five years. While the school requires all freshman athletes to attend a study hall three days a week during their first semester here, Cunningham requires her gymnasts to be in study hall their entire freshman year.

If the athletes have at least a 2.5 GPA after their first semester freshman year, the school no longer requires them to attend study hall. Cunningham's athletes are exempt from study hall attendance their sophomore year only when they reach a 3.0 GPA.

Despite the trend of increasing prominence of all athletics at GW, Cunningham said she is certain academics will continue to be a top priority here.

"The entire athletic staff just went on a retreat last week and the message is loud and clear," Cunningham said. "(GW Executive Director of Athletics and Recreation) Steve Bilsby said all of the support will stop if academics start to slip."

Colonials' cross-country races for first-season glory

by Vince Tuss
Hatchet Sports Writer

The GW sports department broadened its range this fall with the addition of men's and women's cross-country programs. Their implementation bolsters the number of Atlantic 10 Conference sports in which the Colonials participate to 11 out of a possible 13.

The timing of GW's entry is no accident. The loss of Penn State from the A-10 depleted the number of schools with cross-country teams to seven — Temple does not field teams. The Nittany Lions were the dominant power in the league, winning the conference meet the last four years.

"The loss really changes the league," GW head coach Joe Zito said. "We could win. I'd be surprised if we did, but not terribly."

If the men are to win, they have a long way to go. Lone senior Alan Orquiza is joined by eight freshmen in the team's inaugural season. Talent could make up for what the harriers do not have in experience, however. GW runner Alex Murray was the 1500-meter champion for the state of Rhode Island last year, while teammate Joseph Beck finished third last year in the North-

eastern High Schools Cross Country Championship. Eric Woronick also was a top-ten finisher in the same championships last year.

The Colonial Women are a little more seasoned than their male counterparts, most of them having run four or five road races last fall and having competed as a club at many collegiate meets the previous spring.

They are led by sophomore Stacy LaFleur, a GW record holder in the 5,000- and 10,000-meter races. LaFleur also set a record in the 3000-meter race in club competition last season with a time of 11:20.

She is joined by senior Maria Morris and junior Megan Delahanty to make up the squad's leadership core. Zito also expects Tina Kearchner from Cumberland, Md., who he calls his "top recruit," to make an immediate impact.

Also giving the women an edge is the differences in distances. At the high school level, both men and women runners run five kilometer (3.1 mile) races. In college competition, the men move up to 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) while the women's distance remains the same. All of GW's male team is untested at the longer distance.

Both teams have depth problems, as well. Ten runners are allowed to run each meet, with the

top five finishers scoring points. In cross-country, the places of the finishers are added together to form the team's score. Therefore, the lowest point total wins. The runners with their team's sixth and seventh fastest times are retained in the standings, while each team's slowest three entries are not. This way if a team's sixth or seventh fastest runner finishes ahead of any of the opponent's top five, the opponent gains more points.

Both squads right now field only ten runners each. "We're thin," Zito said. "A few injuries and we're seriously hurt." On the other hand, GW's youngsters can see immediate action. "On most established teams, freshmen usually can't step right in and that excites us," Zito said.

GW will literally be racing around the country this season. With all that is involved in forming a new team, Zito said there is too much to do in order to handle any home meets. But Zito said the Colonials will host at least one meet next year in Fort Dupont Park in the District. The Colonials are practicing in the area, however — working out in Rock Creek Park, Roosevelt Island, West Potomac Park and near National Airport.

The definite goal of both teams is to establish themselves as a force in the A-10. "We have

quality people, so we want to set a solid foundation, but we aim to finish in the top half of the league," Zito said. Many of the Colonials' runners questions should be answered at a time trial late next week, he said.

Zito was hired to coach the Colonials' new program at the beginning of the 1990 school year. Zito served as the assistant track coach at Tulane University between 1982 and 1985 where he was responsible for the men's cross-country program as well as the middle- and long-distance runners on the varsity track team. He turned a last-place cross-country team in 1982 into a fourth-place team in the nine-team Metro conference in 1984.

In his own college career, Zito finished among the top 100 American collegiate runners in the NCAA cross-country championships in 1979 and 1980 while at North Carolina State University. He also qualified for the Olympic marathon trials in 1984.

Despite the proximity to the season opener, Zito said he would still welcome any interested walk-ons.

Sprints — Both Colonial squads see their first action of the season against Penn State and seven other teams in the Spiked Shoe Invitational in University Park, Penn., Sept. 14.

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